

# CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting Held in Room AD-128, Loyola Campus, at 3:00 p.m. on Monday,  
2 April 1984.

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PRESENT: Dr. R. Breen, Chairman; Mr. D. Baird; Mr. B. Counihan; Mr. D. Duchêne;  
Dr. E. Enos; Ms. J. Gellert; Ms. M. Lashley; Ms. M. Latella;  
Mr. H. Mandelker; Mr. A. Rochette; Mr. O. Sher; Ms. A. Shore;  
Mr. A. Sproule; Dr. R. Swedburg; Dr. M. Taylor; Mr. D. Boisvert,  
Recorder.

ABSENT: Mr. C. Mostovac; Mr. P. Senez.

GUESTS: Mr. M. Hickey; Mr. R. Philip; Mr. G. Short; Mr. V. Zilberman and  
Members of the Varsity Wrestling Team.

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## Chairman's Remarks

- 84-3-1 Dr. Breen called the meeting to order.
- 84-3-1-1 In response to a request from Mr. Mandelker raised at the last meeting (item 84-2-7-1), Dr. Breen gave the substance of a detailed report prepared by Coach Arsenault:
- 84-3-1-2 a) 1976/77 Czechoslovakia Trip: \$13,000 approximate cost. All expenses for travel, room and board in Czechoslovakia were paid by the Czechoslovakia Ice Hockey Federation. Some \$6,000. was earned by the hockey team through a raffle and donations; the \$7,000. balance was covered by the University Development Fund.
- 84-3-1-3 b) 1979/80 Scotland Trip: \$14,000. approximate cost. All expenses for travel, room and board in Scotland were paid by the Dundee Tournament. Airfare to Scotland was covered by T. Stewart of Dundee, Scotland.
- 84-3-1-4 c) 1982/83 San Diego Trip: \$12,000. approximate cost. All expenses for travel, room and board in San Diego were paid by United States International University. This involved a reciprocal agreement over two seasons, 1982/83 and 1983/84, and included two return games at Concordia during the 1983/84 season.
- 84-3-1-5 d) 1983/84 Proposed Scotland Trip: This has been cancelled due to insufficient guarantees from the British Ice Hockey Federation.
- 84-3-1-6 e) Florida Training Camp for the Football Team: This has never been discussed. The rumour is totally false.

## Approval of the Agenda

- 84-3-2 Mr. Counihan MOVED and Ms. Lashley SECONDED that the agenda for Council's present meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 5 March 1984

- 84-3-3 Ms. Gellert MOVED and Mr. Sher SECONDED that the minutes of the meeting of 5 March 1984 be approved. MOTION CARRIED. (Note: the numerical listings on page 3 of these minutes should begin with "84" rather than "82").

Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Committee on the Role of Athletics

- 84-3-4 The composition of the Committee has been finalized: Dr. R. Swedburg, representing CCSL, as Chairman; Mr. G. Short and Ms. T. Humes designated by Athletics; Dr. D. Duchêne and Ms. M. Latella designated by CUSA; Mr. M. McGee designated by the GSA; Mr. D.L. Boisvert as Recording Secretary.
- 84-3-4-1 Dr. Swedburg reported that the Committee has met once, and is now in the process of gathering relevant data as background information in fulfilling its mandate. The Committee is scheduled to meet again in early May.

B. 1983/84 Playoff Expenditures

- 84-3-4-2 Mr. Boisvert stated that the matter of playoff expenditures was under discussion by the Priorities & Finance Committee, and an interim report had just been received from a special working group set up to study the issue. Expenditures for the current year are not included in the Athletics budget, and will be submitted to Council for review at its May meeting.

Student Services Provisional Operating Budget, Fiscal 1984/85 (CCSL 84-3-D1)

- 84-3-5 Mr. Boisvert, Chairman of the Priorities & Finance Committee, reviewed the budget as recommended by the Committee, together with the background data used in its preparation.
- 84-3-5-1 With reference to the need for the proposed fee increase, Mr. Boisvert outlined the following:
- 84-3-5-2 a) The current rate of 17.3% of tuition has been in effect since May 1980; therefore, has been in existence four years.
- 84-3-5-3 b) The Québec per capita grant, due to differences in formulae calculations over the years, has, in essence, decreased.
- 84-3-5-4 c) Of the proposed budget, 85.5% is fixed in salaries and benefits; 14.5% in non-salary. In terms of full-time salaries alone, the figure is 65%. Standard increases in full-time salaries also have been consistent over the years.



- 84-3-5-5 d) In 1982/83, the Services took cuts of some \$173,000.
- 84-3-5-6 e) Non-salary items have remained fixed, apart from some special adjustments to Athletics and Guidance last year. This means that the buying power of the Services, in fact, has decreased.
- 84-3-5-7 f) In 1982/83, the Student Services fees at other Québec universities were as follows: Université de Montréal (\$103. per yr.); McGill (\$95. per yr.); Laval (\$96. per yr.); Bishop's (\$160. per yr.); Sherbrooke (\$130. per yr.). At some institutions, incidental user fees are also charged. It can be assumed, of course, that these fees have increased since 1982/83.
- 84-3-5-8 g) Each year, student members are in agreement that a fee increase is unavoidable; but, it is always delayed until the following year. The time has come to implement the decision.
- 84-3-5-9 Mr. Boisvert stated that the over-riding priority is to maintain the quality and accessibility of the Services. The immediate consequences of no increase in the fee are as follows: 1. The estimated deficit for next year would be a minimum of \$190,000.; and 2. As non-salary items are fixed, there would have to be severe cuts in the personnel area in order to cover the deficit. In other words, the increase is required just for the ongoing operation of the Services.
- 84-3-5-10 A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Baird asked why there was not a more detailed breakdown of the area budgets. Mr. Boisvert responded that detailed budgets are studied with care by the Priorities & Finance Committee, and the global budget is presented to Council in the same format as for submission to the Board of Governors. Similarly, a more complete breakdown of salary groupings is available to the Committee.
- 84-3-5-11 Ms. Lashley stated that there was support, from the students' point of view, for the fee increase, but only as it affects the Dean of Students Office, Guidance Services and the intramural programmes. There is opposition to further monies being put into varsity sports. Mr. Boisvert reiterated the fact that not one extra penny is going to varsity programmes; only standard full-time salary increases in the Department as a whole. In addition, Mr. Boisvert noted that one could not separate the Student Services budget in terms of where the revenue from the fee is placed. Dr. Swedburg, as Chairman of the Committee on the Role of Athletics, expressed surprise at the negative perception of varsity athletics, and stated that the Committee is certainly not looking at Athletics with a view to abandoning varsity sports a priori.

84-3-5-12 Dr. Taylor raised the matter of playoff expenditures, which are an annual cost not included in the Athletics budget. Mr. Boisvert noted again that an interim report had just been received from the working group studying the matter. The Priorities & Finance Committee will meet to review the report and will decide on which course to follow for the upcoming financial year.

84-3-5-13 Mr. Counihan MOVED and Mr. Sproule SECONDED that Council accept the Student Services Provisional Operating Budget, Fiscal 1984/85, together with the proposed increase in the fee, and recommends that it be forwarded to the Board of Governors for its review and approval. VOTE: 8 in favour; 5 opposed; 1 abstention. MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Breen thanked the members of the Priorities & Finance Committee for their diligent work in the preparation of the budget.

#### Reports from the Directors

84-3-6 The Directors had nothing special to report. Mr. Counihan reminded Council of the Student Life Awards Night to be held on April 9th. Dr. Enos introduced the members of the University wrestling team, and Coach Zilberman spoke briefly on the team's successes.

#### Other Business

- 84-3-7 a) Mr. Mandelker asked for a report on the Institute for Comparative Physical Education. Dr. Breen responded that the Institute was in no way the responsibility of Council.
- 84-3-7-1 b) Mr. Baird MOVED and Ms. Lashley SECONDED that the user fee in Athletics be abolished, effective 1 June 1984. After discussion, the motion was referred to the Priorities & Finance Committee for review.

#### Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

84-3-8 To be held at the same time on a Monday in early May.

MEETING TERMINATED.